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Letter dated 10 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw your attention to a grave act of terrorism which was perpetrated yesterday in Israel by Palestinian terrorists. The circumstances surrounding the attack are as follows:

On Sunday, 9 October 1994, at approximately 11.40 p.m., two Palestinian terrorists armed with hand grenades and semi-automatic weapons arrived at the area of the Nahalat Shiva pedestrian mall in downtown Jerusalem. They entered Yoel Solomon Street, a crowded, narrow street lined with restaurants and cafes, and opened fire indiscriminately upon hundreds of passers-by and restaurant patrons. The terrorists threw two grenades and fired hundreds of rounds, killing two people: a young Jewish woman, Ma'ayan Levy, of Moshav Beit Zayit near Jerusalem, and an Arab resident of Jerusalem, Samir Amis Mograbi, whose wife was also wounded. Altogether, 13 people were wounded and evacuated to four hospitals around Jerusalem. Five of the wounded are listed in serious to critical condition. An employee of an aid agency, the United States Agency for International Development, was also wounded in the attack. His condition is listed as stable.

Reinforcements of Israeli police were immediately sent to the area. During the ensuing clash, the terrorists fired hundreds of rounds of automatic fire from their sub-machine-guns. The terrorists were killed by police. Police bomb-disposal experts disposed of seven hand grenades of various kinds found on the bodies of the terrorists and in the vicinity. The attackers, Hassan Abbas and Issam al-Gohari, were identified as residents of the Gaza Strip and affiliated with Hamas.

The Hamas terrorist organization claimed responsibility for the attack.

The attack occurred following significant achievements in the Middle East peace process, and coincides with renewed efforts to advance this process. Similar to previous attacks, this act of terrorism is targeted not only against Israel, but also against the peace process itself.

Israel will not allow this act of violence to weaken its commitment to the peace process. We call upon all parties to the peace process to condemn this crime, to combat terrorist organizations wherever they exist, and to join Israel in advancing the negotiations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 142, and of the Security Council.

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